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FOR: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR IMPROVING BOTH FUNCTIONS OF  
MAGNETIC SHIELDING AND GROUND CONNECTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants have advised their agent that the European Patent issued a communication dated March 9, 2004, in which the following references were cited as "technical background:"

U. S. patents Nos. 6,045,380, 6,217,386, 6,464,515 and 6,551,139 as well as European patent application No. 514,055.

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the disclosure information statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to consider this information disclosure statement and request the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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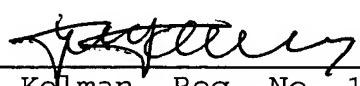
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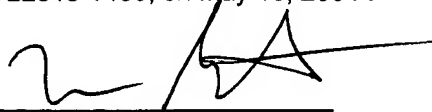
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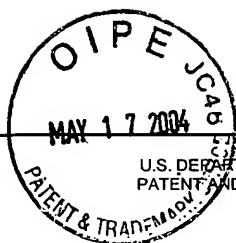
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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